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SUBJECT: GDR TO OBSERVE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN WALL

1. THE GDR HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL STAGE A
DEMONSTRATION IN EAST BERLIN ON AUGUST 13 TO MARK THE
15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN WALL, IN GDR PARLANCE
THE "15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECURE DEFENSE OF THE STATE
BOUNDARIES OF THE GDR". ACCORDING TO AN APPEAL DIRECTED
AT EAST BERLINERS IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AUGUST 11, THE
EVENT WILL CONSIST OF A SPEECH BY POLITBURO
MEMBER AND SED FIRST SECRETARY OF EAST BERLIN KONRAD
NEUMANN AND A MARCH BY THE "FIGHTING GROUPS OF THE
WORKING CLASS", THE GDR PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION. EAST
BERLINERS ARE CALLED UPON TO PARTICIPATE AND SHOW THEIR
READINESS TO PROTECT PEACE AND THE GDR. THE EVENT WILL
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BE STAGED BY THE SED DISTRICT LEADERSHIP OBF BERLIN AND

THE NATIONAL FRONT IN KARL MARX ALLEE.

2. COMMENT: THE AUGUST 13 CELEBRATIONS HAVE OCCURRED IN EAST BERLIN ON OCCASION IN THE PAST. THE FACT THAT THE GDR HAS ANNOUNCED THE AUGUST 13 DEMONSTRATION JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT INDICATES THAT THE DECISION TO PLAY UP THE ANNIVERSARY CAME AT THE LAST MINUTE, PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT FRG/GDR BORDER INCIDENTS. COOPER

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